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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued in the above-captioned patent on April 25, 2005 and in light of the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.